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COMMISSIONS TO OFFICIALS

Book and Paper Companies Pay Them.

FIRE MARSHAL RECEIVES A FEW

According to Entry on Books of a Concern.

Some Very Loose Bookkeeping and some Very Bad Methods in the Office of the State Auditor. Charges for Safety Razors Go Through—Orders Are Signed in Blank by State Officials.

Columbus, O., April 2.—"Commission to state fire marshal."

This has appeared five times on the books of the Ruggies-Gale company, Columbus printers, if the sworn testimony of State Fire Marshal Davis S. Creamer is true.

The senate investigating committee found that it will be very difficult to get the books of firms which did business with the fire marshal's office in 1904, 1905 and 1906.

The Ruggies-Gale company is unable to find its books, and D. H. Sell certified that his itemized account with the department had been destroyed.

Testifying this morning, before the committee, Creamer said he had examined the cash book of the company in the room of its present president, James Rose, at the Southern hotel, on the night of February 28 last. With him was his chief deputy J. P. Brennan.

Creamer wanted to compare, he said, the cost of materials bought under his administration with prices paid by his predecessor, Hy D. Davis.

"I have in my possession memoranda taken from the entries in these books," Creamer said.

Nice Lot of Extras.

"I found an entry in the cash book, giving the page, 'on June 5, 1905, to merchandise $20. On July 20, 1905, I found an entry of 'commission to state fire marshal $50.' On November 20, 1905, another entry for 'merchandise' of $50. On December 9, 1905, an entry 'commission to state fire marshal $50.' On January 6, 1906, an entry 'commission to state fire marshal $50.' On May 7, 1906, an entry 'commission to state fire marshal $50.'"

"I asked Sell what this entry meant. He told me it was for money borrowed. I asked him who had borrowed the money and he said Orrin Brown and Ball, deputies in Davis' office. After I took office, Sell had sent me a bill for $18, a bill existing on the predecessor's account. I refused to pay it until he gave me an itemized statement. I afterwards went to his office to verify the account. I did not see why there should be an old bill, as the department had money. He could not find a trace of the account on the books, and the charge for goods delivered did not correspond with goods sent to the office. Sell must have lost the old books out of the satchel while taking them home."

To Show Up Auditor.

Mr. Creamer's testimony had to do with purchase of supplies during the time that Hy D. Davis was fire marshal. He was positive in the statement that he had found many things in the office when he went there, for books, records, blanks and great quantities of other supplies, many of which he was unable to find. One bill from the Ruggies-Gale company showed a purchase of fire report blanks, to the number of about 5,000 of these blanks a year.

"Another bill would have lasted us ten years," he said. "I found a bill for $20, dated July 20, 1905, for records. These books are in the office. Had they been used they would be there now. There was a bill dated May 7, 1906, for two books.

This was for $20. It is in the office and there was

[illegible] that in two months' time bills for $165.75 for books and stationery. One bill for Sell books showed [illegible] five dollars."

Creamer after he had taken testimony from Brown for a short time last Saturday he was in error in his home. Before Brown had suggested he sign in blank. He said Davis had done so, when leaving the city. "I found blank vouchers with the name Davis signed to them. I do not know who signed them."

The auditor of state is the bookkeeper for all departments. As such he is supposed to check up every department. Although no testimony was offered to show it, the purpose of the examination of Creamer was to show that there had not been a very careful check while Davis was state fire marshal.

Creamer testified that the expenses of the office for stationery, etc., in 1905, was $2,612.82, under Davis, while in 1906 and 1907 it was $1,414.15 and $933.81, respectively.

NEW PLAN OF THE BRYAN BOOMERS

Will Put Bryan's Name on Primary Tickets.

Mobile, Ala., April 2.—A new plan to secure popular endorsement throughout the state for their favorite has been devised by the supporters of W. J. Bryan in Alabama. It is proposed to put the Nebraskan's name as a candidate for president on the Democratic state ticket to be voted in the primaries, May 18. Already more than 300 of the necessary 500 signatures to put Bryan's name on the primary ticket have been secured and his friends say the plan is certain to succeed. With Bryan nominated by the voters at large, it would insure the state to him, despite what opposition might develop in convention to name delegates to the Denver convention.

HIS DEATH OR RESIGNATION

One or the Other Is Expected Before Easter,

FROM THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

Three Young Men Will Be Put in Running.

One Is the Husband of an American Wife and Another the Son of an American Mother—Lloyd George, Lewis V. Harcourt and Winston Churchill Make Up the Trio. Prize Is Some Time Away.

London, April 2.—A shake-up is ahead in the British cabinet. Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's days are numbered. Unless he dies in the meantime, he will assuredly resign by Easter. His death or retirement will place three young men—one of them the son of an American mother, another the husband of an American wife—in the running for prime minister.

None of the three will get the post at once. Chancellor of the Exchequer H. H. Asquith will succeed Sir Henry. But this will merely mean delay for the others.

Asquith's policy is to give young men a chance. As soon as he reaches the premiership he will put several important changes into effect. For himself, he will have to quit the chancellorship to give himself more time to run the rest of the cabinet. The premier draws no salary, so he will appoint himself first lord of the treasury. The post calls for little work and pays $25,000 annually.

Two More Good Things.

There will be two other resignations. One will be that of Sir Henry Cowler, who draws $10,000 annually for looking after King Edward's private property. The duty is nominal, the title is that of "Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster." The Marquis of Ripon will also step down as lord privy seal. The men already chosen for these three places—Chancellor of the exchequer, chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster and lord privy seal—are President Lloyd George, of the board of trade, First Commissioner of Works Lewis V. Harcourt and Under Secretary for the Colonies Winston Churchill.

These three men, with President John Burns of the local government board, have been the Liberal government's great successes. Harcourt is one of the ablest debaters in the house of commons. His wife is the daughter of the late Walter H. Burns of New York. Churchill has made a record as a writer and administrator, legislator and diplomat. His mother was Miss Jennie, of New York.

WILLIAMS WILL SUCCEED DICK

As Chairman of the Republican Committee.

PHIPPS WILL BE STATE SECRETARY

He Will Become Successor to John R. Malloy.

There Will Be No Change of the State Ticket, According to the Talks Made by Members of the State Committee—State Central Committee in Session in the Capital City Thursday.

Columbus, O., April 2.—The absolute ignoring of the demands of many Republican papers and independent members of the party for the withdrawal from the state ticket of certain boss-made candidates, the formation of the largest executive committee in the history of the state; the selection of Henry A. Williams, of Columbus, as executive chairman; W. H. Phipps, of Paulding, secretary; W. F. Hoffman, of Columbus, treasurer; M. A. Karshner, of Columbus, chairman of the organization bureau, and the establishment of a special finance committee to solicit campaign funds.

This is the work mapped out by the powers-that-be in Republican state politics for the state central committee which meets at the Neil house this afternoon at 1:30 to select a state executive committee to conduct the approaching campaign. It is generally conceded that the program will be carried out without a break with the single possible exception of the choice for treasurer.

Vigorous Fight Waged.

A vigorous fight, headed by M. A. Karshner, has been made on W. F. Burdell, of Columbus, who has been treasurer of the state committee for more than a dozen years, and it is believed to be certain that he will not be reelected. Karshner is backing Hoffman, but is willing to accept anybody else just to beat Burdell, who bolted Karshner's candidate for mayor here last fall. A. I. Vory's, the Taft manager, wants Burdell retained and a compromise for treasurer may be agreed upon.

The state central committee is a unit in letting the state ticket stand as nominated.

"I know of no plan to make any changes in the ticket," said Walter Brown, chairman.

"If there is any plan to pull anybody off the ticket," said Henry A. Williams, who will conduct the campaign, "I don't know anything about it."

Ticket as It Is.

"There is no need of anybody getting off the ticket," said W. H. Phipps, Fifth district committeeman, who will be the campaign secretary. "They've made an investigation, and have found all the money there," he continued, referring to Green, candidate for state treasurer.

The last vestige of the Hanna-Dick sway in Ohio politics will disappear with the selection of Chairman Williams to succeed Senator Dick as state chairman and Secretary Phipps as successor to John R. Malloy.

Dick has been state chairman for sixteen years, with the exception of three years, and Mr. Malloy has been secretary the same length of time save two years. Both began in the same year—1892. In 1895 and 1896 Dick was replaced by Charles L. Kurtz and Malloy by W. S. Matthews, former insurance commissioner. In 1897 the late Governor Nash was chairman and Malloy was restored to the secretaryship, which he has held ever since without a break until now. In 1903 Harry M. Daugherty was chairman, and in the following year Dick took the reins only to lay them down again.

Committee Organizes.

Columbus, O., April 2.—The Republican state central committee this afternoon selected the following state executive committee:

Henry A. Williams, Columbus, chairman.

W. H. Phipps, Paulding, secretary.

W. F. Hoffman, Columbus, treasurer.

To Be Reported Favorably.

Washington, April 2.—It is understood the Dalzell bill making it a misdemeanor to circulate false reports about the condition of national banks will soon be reported favorably by the house committee on banking and currency.

BOMB THROWER IS SAID TO BE DYING

He Is Not Expected To Live Out the Day.

New York, April 1.—Selig Silverstein, the bomb thrower who was injured in Union Square last Saturday by the bomb with which he tried to exterminate a squad of police, is reported to be dying at Bellevue hospital today. According to the attending physician Silverstein will hardly be able to live out the day.

Yesterday he was reported to be improving and his recovery was predicted, but a change for the worse during the night has caused the abandonment of hope for him. The police are continuing the search for Silverstein's alleged fellow conspirators, but if any startling facts showing a wholesale plot has been discovered, they are being carefully concealed.

Alexander Berkman, anarchist leader, accused of conspiracy with Silverstein, will be arraigned in police court tomorrow. At that time the police will probably be forced to disclose their case, if they have any against Berkman.

Ends Her Life.

Hampton, Va., April 2.—Miss Louise Clark, said to be the daughter of a prominent Ironton, Ohio, man, ended her life in a boarding-house here yesterday by hanging. She used a stocking, attaching one end to a transom over the door of her bedroom.

AUTHENTICITY OF THE LETTER

Tweedmouth Will Neither Affirm Nor Deny.

GIVEN PUBLICITY BY MUNICH PAPER

Kaiser Himself Probably Lets Loose of Them.

Those Who Saw the Originals Claim That the Letters Published Are Authentic—They Are Personal as Tweedmouth Claimed and Not Offensive in the Slightest Particular. The Substance of Them.

London, April 2.—First Lord of the Admiralty Lord Tweedmouth refuses today either to confirm or deny the authenticity of the letters, published in a Munich newspaper yesterday, represented as being the correspondence between the Kaiser and himself relative to the British navy.

From persons who actually saw the original letters, however, assurance is secured that the publication is authentic. How the letters should have fallen into the Munich publication's possession is a mystery unless, indeed, the Kaiser desired to end the controversy by having them made public and himself arranged for their publication.

The Kaiser's communication is, as Lord Tweedmouth has already declared, purely personal and not at all offensive. The writer expresses his regret at a remark attributed to Lord Esher that Germans from the Kaiser downward, would rejoice at Senior Naval Lord Sir John Fisher's downfall, remarks that Germany can never take the aggressive at sea against England and voices the opinion that Esher would be in better business inducing "the drain pipes at Windsor to produce a normal ventilation."

Tweedmouth, replying, thanked the Kaiser for his confidence and declared that the era of "misunderstanding" between Germany and England is over.

Get Eight Years Each.

Mansfield, O., April 2.—John McCue and Joseph Stevens, who stole $3,000 in gold from the office of the Adams Express company January 25 last, were sentenced to eight years each in the Ohio penitentiary today.

Four Persons Injured.

St. Louis, Mo., April 2.—Four persons were injured this morning when the Burlington passenger train No. 72 collided with a freight train at Spanish lake, sixteen miles from here.

With Blow of Fist.

Des Moines, Ia., April 2.—With one blow of his fist Randell Green, a negro, killed Lewis Rivenour, a horse trader, in Harry Stanton's restaurant, Wednesday afternoon.

CLASH IN HAITI IS ANTICIPATED

When the German Claims Are Presented.

ALEXIS EXPECTED TO REFUSE PAYMENT

Will Set Up Counterclaim of Debt Due Him.

Will Also Hold That the German Firm Which Holds Haitien Paper to Extent of $300,000 Financed the Firmin Uprising and He Will Ask Indemnity—Executions Stories Officially Denied.

Port Au Prince, April 2.—The Haitien government issued a formal denial today of the charge that political executions are continuing despite all assurances given the representatives of foreign powers that they have been stoped.

The statement has failed to allay alarm. It is not believed in diplomatic circles and its supposedly misleading character is taken by foreigners as a final proof that the government is not to be trusted.

Refugees in the French legation have furnished Minister Carteron with what he considers absolutely convincing evidence that several suspected anti-government plotters were shot no longer ago than yesterday morning and that Arsene Chevry, the poet, was among the victims.

Legation Is Armed.

Minister Carteron no longer conceals the fact that he has armed the legation in anticipation of an attack. He looks for a government attempt to take the refugees by force.

There is a strong suspicion that General Coicou, chief of the Port Au Prince military district, is stirring up the people to attack the whites. He is openly accused of responsibility for a similar plot, which no one now doubts would have been carried out, but for the opportune arrival of foreign warships.

Marines are held in readiness for immediate landings from the United States cruiser, Des Moines, and the German cruiser, Bremen, which, with the United States gunboat, Marietta, are still in the harbor.

Frenchman Enroute Back.

The French cruiser, d'Estrees, is hurrying from St. Thomas, whither it took a large party of political refugees.

Every one expects a clash when Manager Reinbold presents, through German Minister Von Zimmerer, Hermann & Company's financial claims against the Haitien government.

The German firm demands the principal and six per cent. interest from 1900 on $300,000 of Haitien bonds, and the price, with interest for the Port Au Prince street railroad.

President Nord Alexis replies with a court claim for money he says Hermann & Company owe him personally, and threatens to demand indemnity for the recent Firmin uprising, which he accuses the firm of financing.

REACHES TWO MEN TO FIND THEM DEAD

Two Fishermen Perish of Exposure on Lake Erie.

Ashtabula Harbor, O., April 2.—After battling with a sea of remarkable fierceness, and risking his life in a daring jump over tug to breakwater, Captain Whitney Carr reached two men he had hoped to rescue, but found them dead.

The bodies, those of fishermen, were taken off the breakwater, after much difficulty, but have not yet been identified.

Stranded on the breakwater, the men had perished of exposure in the high seas which had beaten over the barricade all night.

When their boat was seen bobbing in the waves Thursday morning, Carr, local tugmaster for the Great Lake Towing company, at once started to the rescue in the tug Monarch.

When the boat was brought within ten feet of the breakwater, Carr leaped from its deck, as it could not be brought any closer.

Victim of a Thug.

Cleveland, April 2.—The victim of a thug's black jack, Miss Nellie Padden, a domestic, is near death at Lakeside hospital. Her skull is fractured. Miss Padden was attacked in the shadow of the First Methodist church on Euclid avenue Wednesday evening.

SOCIALISTS WILL HAVE NEWSPAPER

George Gordon, formerly of Cleveland, Will Be Editor.

New York, April 2.—The New York Socialist party will start a daily paper in this city on May 1 in order, as the promoters say, their cause can be properly presented to the people and a newspaper can be made possible in New York which will "tell the truth, no matter what happens or who is hurt."

Its headquarters will be at No. 6 Park Place, and its editor will be George Gordon, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio. The policy of the paper will be directed by the executive committee of the National Socialist party.

"Unwarranted and Crude."

Chicago, April 2.—"Unwarranted and crude" were adjectives applied to certain parts of the Aldrich bill, as passed by the senate at a meeting of national bank presidents here, and, as a result of their conference a determined effort will be made to prevent the passage of the measure by the house.

$20,000,000 Water Steal.

Chicago, April 2.—"It looks now as if $20,000,000 will be a conservative estimate of the city's losses by water graft in the last ten years through the connivance of rate takers and other employes of the water department and the larger consumers, principally big corporations.

PHONES LAWYER AND PHYSICIAN

Having First Taken the Life of His Wife,

THEN HE TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Dual Tragedy at New London, Connecticut.

William F. M. Rogers, a Well-Known Attorney of That Place, Is a Murderer and Suicide—Shoots His Wife and Himself—Suffers from Nervous Trouble Almost Amounting to Paralysis.

New London, Conn., April 2.—William F. M. Rogers, a well-known attorney of this city, shot and instantly killed his wife and then killed himself by shooting at their home this morning.

Early today Mr. Rogers telephoned to Dr. H. P. Thompson and to Lawyer R. P. Freeman, Jr., asking them both to come at once to his home. Dr. Thompson arrived in twenty minutes and Mr. Freeman in about forty-five minutes. They found Rogers and his wife both dead in bed. A revolver was found nearby and the indications were that Rogers had shot his wife through the head, killing her instantly, and then, after telephoning his friends, jumped into bed and shot himself through the brain. No note or word of any kind was left by Rogers except the address of a sister. No reason is known for the deed, except that Rogers has been suffering from nervous trouble that almost amounted to paralysis. Friends who spent last night at their home say there was no indication then of today's tragedy.

Rogers was formerly prosecuting attorney. He was a captain in the signal corps of the C. N. G. and a veteran of the Spanish-American war.

Denman Probably Defeated.

Bryan, O., April 2.—The Democratic convention of the Thirty-Second senatorial district has developed the warmest fight in history. Dr. W. M. Denman, of West Unity, the present incumbent, seems to be defeated in his fight for a second term.

Taft in Columbus.

Columbus, O., April 2.—William Howard Taft, secretary of war, and candidate for president, arrived in Columbus this morning and will deliver an address at the annual banquet of the Columbus Board of Trade this evening.

Opposition Is Growing.

Berlin, April 2.—Vigorous opposition is already developing to the bill soon to be introduced in the Prussian diet increasing the Kaiser's civil list to cover the increased cost of living and provide for his growing family.

BALLOTING IS IN PROGRESS

Eighth District Republicans Badly Divided.

NO RESULT AT KENTON THURSDAY

One Candidate Is Out of the Political Race.

But the Other Five Are in It for Blood and the Lines Are Being Wonderfully Well Maintained. After Seventy-Three Ballots a Recess Is Taken—Up to Recess Cole Gets Fifty-Two Votes.

Kenton, O., April 2.—The Eighth district Republican congressional convention began ballot for a nominee for congress from among five candidates and six counties at 9 o'clock this morning, dispensing with the selecting of national delegates until a nominee should be named. The convention did this contrary to the provision of the congressional call, which stated that the selection of national delegates should begin at 9 o'clock April 2. Owen of Champaign county having withdrawn as a candidate, none of the other five candidates, Jewell, Cole, Willis, Miller or Hoopes, cared to have a national delegate chosen from his county at present, knowing this would put the candidate out of the congressional race.

The General Opinion.

It was the general opinion this morning that Cole, Miller and Jewell would get support from the Champaign delegation for combining to seat the anti-Owen delegation in the fight of the two contesting delegations from that county.

But this morning Cole could not figure on more than fifty-two votes, 104 being necessary to a choice. The result of the forty-eighth ballot was: Jewell forty-two; Cole fifty-two; Willis thirty-six; Miller forty-eight; Hoopes twenty-nine.

After taking the seventy-fourth ballot, with the result the same as on the first, the convention adjourned until 1 o'clock. Hancock, Champaign and Hardin were anxious for an adjournment, hoping to secure a new alignment.

After taking ballots up to the 141st, the convention recessed until 3:30 when an effort will be made to force a secret ballot. Cole forces desire this, as Cole, through his official position, has friends on all the delegations.

The 140th ballot was: Jewell, 47; Cole, 58; Willis, 36; Miller, 37; Hoopes, 29.

An Awful Death.

Cleveland, April 2.—A man, at present unidentified, committed suicide early today in the Wheeling & Lake Erie yards by laying his head on the track just ahead of a flying cut of cars. The wheels cut off his head and it rolled to one side.

First Trip of Season.

Detroit, Mich., April 2.—The Detroit and Cleveland steamer City of Detroit sailed yesterday for Cleveland on the first trip of the season. There were about 100 passengers and plenty of freight.

Passes the House.

Columbus, April 2.—The house bill to require fire drill in schools and instruction on fire dangers from a manual to be prepared by the fire marshal passed the house Wednesday.

Oil Queen Dead.

Parkersburg, W. Va., April 2.—Mrs. Frances Ihrig, the famous West Virginia "Oil Queen," who made a fortune out of the oil business, in this state, died in a hospital here this morning, following an operation.

Robbers Get $6,000.

Muskogee, Okla., April 2.—Robbers blew open the safe in the bank at Mounds, Oklahoma, at 3 o'clock this morning and secured $6,000. They escaped before the citizens were awakened.

Fleet To Sail Today.

San Francisco, April 2.—Wireless despatches from Magdalena bay say: "Target practice is now practically completed. The Vermont finished with its big guns yesterday. The fleet sails for the north today."

Commits Suicide.

Lancaster, O., April 2.—Henry Buschmeyer, thirty, committed suicide yesterday by taking muriatic acid. He was despondent.

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